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These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

Do you suppose that manufacturing by big concerns will fall of its own weight? Machinery is expensive and individuals may have trouble buying it, but the extra attention of owners over employees may bring back an era of more individual business—small business—instead of so much big business.

T T W N
Maybe the hassle over the Idaho company's fast tax write-off will result in stopping all five year depreciation schedules.

T T W N
Khrushchev says the grand children of present day Americans will live under socialism. Behind a couple of generations as usual.

T T W N
It is quite a handicap to be unable to eat blueberry pie.

T T W N
We wonder what will happen to a nation whose people seem so concerned with mildness, mild cigarettes, mild beer, mild strong waters all, we presume, for mild men and mild women with mild temperaments, mild ambitions, mild manners, mild politics. It is time we had advertisements for something strong enough to take the fur off their tongue.

T T W N
The American solution to nearly everything seems to be to raise the pay or raise the price.

T T W N
Wonder if people ever liked to stay home.

T T W N
This county has had less wind this spring than usual which is all right with everyone. It seemed last Wednesday as if nature was trying to catch up all in one day.

T T W N
This is the gist of a lot of advice: If you are a loving, affectionate girl, marry a man who likes dogs. He is the sort who likes to be praised, lauded and made over; if you want your own way, hope to keep your freedom and expect your husband to do the same, marry a man who likes cats.

T T W N
"Well, sir," said Uncle Emmett, as he watched a townsman walk across the street. "I can't for the life of me tell whether that fellow walks so slow because he's sick or because he works by the hour."

T T W N
Some of the masculine garb that passes for pioneer costumes would have seemed very odd to grandpa who had to take his color from the sunrise and sunset.

T T W N
It appears very likely that parties are misnamed in Canada and that the conservatives are "liberal" and the reverse.

T T W N
A boy who needs help to amuse himself is going to be in an awful fix before he's sixty.

T T W N
Tax payers shouldn't feel too bad about the 45 per cent surtax. It provided \$37,000,000 for the present budget, almost as much as corporation taxes. If it hadn't been for that sum the present surtax would have been 70 instead of 51 per cent.

T T W N
We hope the 1959 trade fair which got an \$830,000 appropriation from the legislature makes a lot of money and pays back the appropriation. Hope is the correct word.

T T W N
We feel terribly sorry for those who cannot vote and tremendously bored with the job of voting.

T T W N
Automobile makers are going to quit advertising speed (we read that). What else have they to offer?

T T W N
There is some good baseball being played in the coast league but the Beaver's aren't doing much of it.

T T W N
By next week we will have the longest day of the year and ready for the downhill slide to darkness.

T T W N
Wonder if it is permissible to discuss Idaho Power and Harvey Aluminum taxes in same company?

June 20 Is Date For Election On Quotas And Federal Program

The Secretary of Agriculture has set June 20 as the date for a national referendum among wheat growers on marketing quotas for the 1958 crop. At least two-thirds of the producers voting must approve quotas before they may be put into effect. When quotas are in effect, the producer who does not comply with his farm wheat acreage allotment will not be eligible for price support and will be subject to a penalty on his excess wheat. According to Frank von Borstel, chairman, ASC committee, the following voting places for this referendum have been established in the county: Grass Valley Grain Growers' office at Grass Valley for the Kent and Grass Valley communities; County Courtroom, Courthouse for the Moro community and at the City Hall in Wasco for the Locust Grove and Wasco communities. Polls will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.

Kasebergs Host To Beta Theta Pi

The L. E. Kaseberg ranch was the scene of a large picnic Sunday attended by about 80 members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity from Corvallis, of which Larry Kaseberg is a member. Boating and water skiing were enjoyed by the boys in the morning on the Columbia river, returning about 2:00 p. m. for a potluck dinner held in the Kaseberg's attractive yard.

The boys in the fraternity, their dates and families were comfortably seated around tables and chairs in the lovely yard.

Among the guests also enjoying swimming in the afternoon were the housemother, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bonham of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cyers of Moro.

Moro Missionaries Meet Wednesday

The Moro Missionary society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eugene Amidon in regular session. Mrs. Amidon, Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. Leta Eslinger served the dessert luncheon to 20 members and guests. The guests included Mrs. Carl Melzer, Mrs. A. Douma, Mrs. May Brown and Miss Dorothy Goodenberger.

Routine business was conducted. A scholarship was given to aid some of our children going to camp at Menucha. This is the last regular meeting before September. However, a called meeting will be held in July when we bring our good used clothing, remnants and yardage to be sent to Church World Service.

Mrs. Maggie Barnum gave the program on Summer Offering, mentioning the places and uses of our offering, for medical work in New Mexico, and Pakistan, also educational scholarships.

Announcement was made of Synodical which will be held at Lewis and Clark college June 24-27. A delegate is needed.

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The 1957 crop in Sherman county has been grown under favorable circumstances as of this date. Four months ago it was a different story for it looked like the crop could be no more than fair, so dry was the fall and winter. Rains came along with spring and conditions changed within a few weeks.

Stands of wheat are generally heavy and the rains and the fertilizer have made a rank growth in most fields. The county is still an inch short of normal moisture (perhaps not as much of soil moisture) and this could mean some poor crops if the weather got hot soon. As to possible temperatures the weather prophets have said June would be cool in the area. So far it has been very cool. Later prophecies are for some hot weather.

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Sherman County Citizens Old and New Picnic

Ray Palmer Tracy, author of many books and stories and citizen of Condon, pleased the members of the Sherman County Historical society Sunday as he recounted stories of personalities and episodes of the history of Gilliam county intermingled with data about the development of that county, which, he said, was largely by way of Sherman.

His training at story telling and the nearness of the scenes he chose made his remarks more than usually enjoyed. He was the feature speaker at the annual society picnic held at DeMoss Springs.

Others appearing on the program were members of Boy Scout troop 351, Moro led by Mel Parker, Rev. E. C. Goodenberger, the Wasco Men's Trio of Richard Bruner, Clyde Fridley and Robert Nisbet; Wallace May, president; Mrs. Allie Ruggles, secretary; Tom Fraser with his traditional singing of "Sweet Oregon" accompanied by Helen Sayrs at the piano; Gene Cantrell with his clear toned trumpet, accompanied by Karen Wilson.

Betterment Report Given

Mrs. Tracy Fields and Mrs. Grace Zevely reported on things that would benefit the county including improvement to DeMoss Springs park itself, which included a suggestion that society member might help. Giles French said that a history of Sherman county had been written and would be published by the Oregon Historical society late this year.

Elected were Mrs. Ruggles for another term as secretary-treasurer, V. B. Eakin as director for five years.

Coming from afar were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holder from Paisley and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith from the Okanogan country in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Webb and son from Beaverton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles and Mrs. Glen McLachlan from Heppner.

Oregon Development Department Starts

Oregon acquired a new Department of Economic Development today when Governor Robert D. Holmes signed House Bill 445. This measure which will make it the official business of the executive branch of the state government to get into the nation wide contest for expansion and new industrial growth, was one urged by recommended by Governor Holmes in his inaugural address January 15 and was given strong support by administration during the recent legislative session.

In signing the bill the Governor said, "The Development Department won't perform immediate miracles, but it will unite every section of the state and every interest concerned with prosperity in an aggressive attempt to pull Oregon out of its economic rut."

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Hail Does Extensive Damage To Wheat Around Grass Valley

The hail that accompanied the hard wind storm a week ago Wednesday did more damage than hitherto reported in an area south and east of Grass Valley. Some fields were almost totally destroyed.

It is well nigh impossible to trace a pattern of the storm from the reports of injury. It apparently came in from the southwest on a wide front and dropped hail hither-skeiter sometimes in comparatively small areas.

Nearly everyone north of Bourbon has reported some damage and some of them have had fields entirely destroyed. Adjusters have been in and looked over the fields and will return in thirty days to make final reports. Nearly all of the farmers had taken hail insurance.

Accident Insurance Rates Boosted

The State Industrial Accident commission today announced the new Workmen's Compensation base rate schedule for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957, with 58 rates decreased, 154 increased, and 19 unchanged, resulting in a net expected contribution increase of 15.8%.

Benefit increases allowed by the 1957 legislature plus sharply rising claims costs required increases of 37.4% in agriculture, 19.6% in lumbering, 20.6% in transportation, 15.2% in manufacturing, and 18.6% in service classifications. Construction was increased only 7.7% mainly because of an intensive industry-wide accident prevention program. Mining rose 8.4%, governmental agencies 7.0% and trade classifications 5.1%. Aviation is the only classification group that will receive a reduction, averaging 21.4% because of a combination of favorable claim loss experience and increased experience rating reductions.

Increases were required in farming, raised to \$4.40 per \$100, of payroll from the present \$3.00.

Swimming Class Registration Asked

Mrs. Madeleine Patrick is in charge of Red Cross swimming in the Wasco community. In order for her to make arrangements for transportation for swimming lessons at The Dalles she will have to know how many children are going because she will have to hire bus drivers. The school district will furnish busses but drivers will be paid by a charge of one dollar a week per child.

Those going to the swimming lessons are urged to call on or telephone Mrs. Patrick and register for the trips which will be five days a week for two weeks.

Study Club Gives City Hall Blinds

The Wasco Study club presented a venetian blinds to the city of Wasco for use in the city hall and library and received a letter from the mayor, T. Lester Johnson, expressing appreciation and saying, "These blinds greatly improve the interior and give the council chambers a new look which it badly needed."

The Wasco Library is open every Saturday from 3:00 until 5:00 p. m. during the summer. A dance for the benefit of the library will be held July 20 as a means of raising money for books and expenses, reports Mrs. Vinton Watkins.

Fair Dormitory Bill Passed

A bill calling for construction of a \$300,000 dormitory and exposition building for 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members at the Oregon State fairgrounds was signed Thursday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Preliminary studies for the structure, scheduled for use for the 1958 State Fair, are already underway, according to State Fair commission chairman Jack Travis. Exact location of the building will not be determined until an over-all land use study of the grounds is completed.

The new building will be designed to house 600 4-H and FFA youths, provide feeding facilities for them and also to provide exhibit space for all their non-livestock activities. It will be the first building designed especially for this purpose.

Worm Invasion Not Expected To Succeed This Year

The invasion of the army worm seems to lack worm-power and the replacements to be a serious threat to the wheat crop.

The army worm is a small one and a half inch to two inch worm that is not exactly an army worm at all but a relation of his. It is a cousin of the corn ear-worm. Antecedents notwithstanding the worm has come into some wheat fields and destroyed kernels of wheat, most particularly within a triangle between the Oscar Lemley farm, the Bob Rolfe place and the Laffoon place.

The life history of the worm is that a moth lays eggs, sometime this spring, these hatch and grow into worms. After a few days the worms become a pupa with a hard shell and from that comes a moth that will lay more eggs and so on and on. The time it takes for this particular variety is not known here.

Tommy Thompson and R. M. Every, entomologist, went over the fields Tuesday and found as much as five per cent damage in the Rolfe field. Worms most often start at the top of the head as it comes out of the boot (or even before) and attack the germ of the kernel below the bloom. Not over five or six kernels in a head are often affected. Whether other kernels would make up the weight lost by loss of some kernels is not known.

Spraying with two pounds of DDT per acre, using four pounds of 50 per cent wettable powder is effective. Cost is about \$3.00 per acre. Maximum loss so far is about \$3.00.

The worm attacks the wheat in only one stage. When it is completely headed out and when kernels are formed it loses interest. Whether the spring season (no frost since April 16) was the kind to encourage army worm production or whether some other reason caused the invasion is not known although another year may give conclusive information.

Hog Production To Be Talked Today

Friday, June 14, the Federated Livestock ranch near Hermiston will be the scene of a gathering of men interested in production of swine on ranches in eastern Oregon.

Federated is a branch of the Pendleton Grain Growers and was started to show that livestock can be produced profitably on wheat and surplus feeds and as a means of reducing the deficiency of meat products in the northwest. It has been working very well although with little profit but considerable growth.

It has been more successful with cattle although the meat deficiency in the northwest is mostly hogs, which it plans to expand.

Root Gets Award

Robert F. Root of Wasco has been awarded the Order of Silver Wings medal for his outstanding work as a freshman cadet in the air force ROTC instruction program at Oregon State college. The award was based on scholarship, leadership, military bearing and drill proficiency. Root, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root of Wasco, is studying agriculture.

School Elections Coming Monday For All Districts

All school districts will elect directors at the annual school meetings to be held next Monday, the third Monday in June.

In addition there will be a vote to decide whether or not the Sherman High school district shall or shall not establish a base for taxation purposes. It has been ruled that the Sherman High district has no base, it being a new municipal corporation. The proposed base is lower than present expenditures and appears to be a realistic base on which to start taxation. Voting will be conducted in school houses and the Wasco city hall.

Rainfall Follows No Rule This Year

A look at the government's precipitation chart for the year is enough to convince anyone that the country is changing or already changed. Burns with an average of 8.88 inches of rainfall from September to June has 12.53 this year; Lakeview has 16.20 in place of a normal 12.65 and the normals are partly due to higher rainfalls recently. One could readily envision Silver Lake filled again.

Pendleton is normal with 11.11 instead of 11.16 and Moro has 9.68 instead of a normal 10.20. Adrian has 12.85 instead of 7.32, way over where rainmakers are not working. Redmond has 7.21 instead of the normal 6.45 and Dufur has 10.99 when it would normally have 11.39.

Much More Wheat Shipped Last Year

Inspected carload receipts of wheat at Columbia River and Puget Sound terminals totaled 6,997 cars during May. These included 4,517 cars at Columbia River terminals and 2,480 at Seattle and Tacoma. During the period July 1, 1956 through May 31, 1957, 61,093 cars were inspected at Columbia River terminals and 32,413 cars at Seattle and Tacoma making a total of 93,506 cars. This compares with a total of 36,190 cars inspected at these terminals the same period last season. Based on inspection figures for the month of April, 96% of all wheat receipts grade No. 2 or better. Sixty per cent of all receipts were of the class White Wheat, 10.5% Hard Red Spring, 25% Hard Red Winter and the balance Mixed Wheat, Western Red and Durum. Of the total inspected receipts at these terminals in April, 13.5% were assessed smut dockage.

TRAVEL, ACCIDENTS OFF

A 1 1/4 per cent drop in Oregon motor vehicle travel so far this year was reported today by the Oregon Traffic Safety commission. Latest month to show a drop was April when travel fell off about 12,000,000 miles from that recorded for April a year ago. So far this year, January has been the only month to show an increase in total motor vehicle mileage.

The rather low travel figure for April of 589,990,150 miles was matched by a drop in traffic deaths with 31 reported for that month. The state's death rate was 5.3 persons killed in each 100 million miles of travel. This and Mrs. Floyd Root of Wasco, compares with a 6.5 death rate for April in 1956.

Wheat Growers Spend Evening At Industry Talk

The Sherman county branch of the Oregon Wheat Growers league held its annual meeting Tuesday night at the Odd-Fellows hall in Grass Valley with vice-president Bill Todd, presiding in place of president Elton Medler, in a hospital with a heart attack. After a dinner served by the Rebekahs he introduced Don Thompson who told of the methods used to choose conservation men of the year in each county and the state.

Mac Hall announced the award to Pete Macnab and Albert Kaseberg 1957 winners for consistent and careful use of the soil on a 1050 acre ranch and Jack Cushman presented the winner with a fine wrist watch.

After seats were rearranged committees reported on work done and sheets were distributed to show progress on the league's activities during the half year that has elapsed since the convention. Mrs. Margilee Kaseberg reported for the Domestic Wheat utilization committee. Hildred Zell for the Federal Farm program, Marvin Thomas for Youth Activities, Giles French for Taxation and Legislation, Allan Pinkerton for Wheat Disposal and Mac Hall for Production and Land Use.

Kenneth Fridley, past president of the league, told about development of the Columbia river as a means of aiding wheat shipment to the Orient where much of the northwest wheat is expected to go. He said that 90 per cent of the wheat grown in the northwest is raised near the river and shipped down or along it. He estimated that 150,000,000 bushels of wheat will soon be grown in this state.

Wheat Coming In

Because so much white wheat has been shipped to Oriental countries in the past year more is coming in from Idaho and Montana than must be considered.

An effort is being made to get work done to deepen the channel of the Columbia to the requisite 27 feet but that chances for an appropriation for the work is not likely this session of congress. The channel to Bonneville was deepened to 27 feet once but is silted up because of lack of use. Above Bonneville it is very shallow and rocks must be blasted out at Cascade Rapids and Eagle Creek.

Need for the channel is made more necessary by the Harvey Aluminum plant now building at The Dalles which will use alumina from the Orient brought here in ships that could take wheat on the return trip without change in construction.

R. R. Raymond, Helix, president of the league, and recently returned from a trip to Japan and Korea, told about his experiences there and the need of the residents of those countries for wheat to help their diet and boost the strength and growth of their children. The league, aided by Public Law 480, has conducted demonstrations to show Orientals how to prepare and cook wheat and wheat products and natives are getting to like it. There is a huge market for northwest wheat there, says Mr. Raymond, who also showed pictures of bakeries and portable demonstrations taken in Japan.



Visiting with Congressman Al Ulman (center), are left to right, Ivan Block, Portland Industrial consultant for Gov. Holmes and for the Columbia River Development Association; Kenneth Fridley of Wasco, past president of the Wheat League and vice president of the Columbia River Development Association; Les Sherwood of Hood River, director of the Columbia River Development Association and representing the Oregon State Public Ports Authority; and W. S. Nelson, manager of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce and also a director of the Columbia River Development Association; who were recently in Washington to testify before the House Appropriations committee on behalf of the Vancouver to The Dalles draft channel.